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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al. :

Examiner: S. Gollamudi

APPLICATION NO.: 09/745,095 :

FILING DATE: December 20, 2000 :Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form :

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on October 30, 2003, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which was set to expire on January 30, 2004, be extended by 3 months, such that it expires on April 30, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$950.00 as provided for under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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